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Revised NLS Carriage Requirements

Reference: MARPOL Annex II

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The Committee approved draft amendments to MARPOL Annex II and the IBC Code concerning carriage and discharge requirements for certain noxious liquid substances classified under Chapter 17 of the IBC Code. Subject to adoption by MEPC 74 and MSC 101 this year, the amendments are scheduled to enter into force in 2021.

Under new regulations 13.7.1.4 and 13.9 of MARPOL Annex II, products that are persistent floaters with a viscosity equal to or greater than 50 mPa•s at 20oC and/or have a melting point equal to or greater than 0oC will be subject to prewash requirements when they are unloaded at ports in the North Sea, the Irish Sea and its approaches, the Celtic Sea, the English Channel and part of the North East Atlantic immediately to the west of Ireland. Current discharge requirements for tank residues remain applicable. Under the IBC Code amendments:

- ships hauling products that are prone to H₂S formation are to be fitted with H₂S detection equipment (two products have been identified in Chapter 17: Offshore contaminated bulk liquid S and Sodium hydrosulphide/Ammonium sulphide solution);
- an increased number of products have been classified as Toxic and therefore are subjected to vapour detection and control requirements as well as tank location for such products under regulation 15.12. Of the big movers, it is noted that Methanol is exempted from the prohibition of being located adjacent to bunker tanks; and
- certain products in Chapter 17 have been identified as being required to meet the prewash and residue discharge requirements when operating in the European regions described above under MARPOL II, regulation 13.

REFERENCES:

- Chapter 17 of the IBC Code.

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